



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota works to protect the health and well-being of its residents; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota prioritizes the ability of residents to make personal healthcare decisions by ensuring that critical medical choices are consistent with patients' wishes, even when they are incapacitated; and
- WHEREAS: Every adult has the right to appoint a person he or she trusts to make healthcare decisions on their behalf in the event of incapacity; and
- WHEREAS: Honoring patient preferences is a critical element in providing quality end-of-life care, ensuring dignity, compassion, and respect in all phases of life; and
- WHEREAS: It is important that all adults discuss their healthcare wishes with their healthcare providers and loved ones, and execute a healthcare directive so their decisions can be honored if they are incapacitated; and
- WHEREAS: The National Healthcare Decisions Day Initiative, a collaborative of organizations committed to ensuring that adults have access to the information and opportunity to communicate and document their healthcare decisions, has designated April 16 as National Healthcare Decisions Day; and
- WHEREAS: Honoring Choices Minnesota, a coalition of healthcare systems and providers in Minnesota, encourages all Minnesotans to communicate their healthcare preferences, and execute a healthcare directive to ensure their personal wishes are honored so as to maintain the highest level of respect for a person and peace of mind for loved ones during a difficult time.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, April 16, 2017, as:

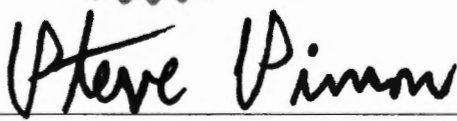
HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY

in the state of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 1st day of March.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE

